

clamors for them, demanding that their gifts and culture be directed to commercial and selfish ends. At best the temptation is very great, and we should pray that they be kept for the nobler service."

#### THE PASTOR'S PLACE AND POWER WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

1. The pastor will find his place and power when he loves his young people. He should appreciate their possibilities. He should not be impatient with them when they seem frivolous, or dull of spiritual apprehension, or even indifferent to the high purposes of the Christian life. Love them still. Love them for what they are with immortal souls. Love them for what they may become in holy character and loyal service to Christ.

2. The pastor will find his place and power when he becomes a leader to his young people. He should not do all the work, but lead others to work and in work. There are important aids to work—the Bible, other books, the periodical literature of the church. The pastor must know these in order to lead. A soldier once said: "You know sometimes in a picture they put the general up at the front with his sword out, and he is just going for the enemy in front. That is almost the last place in the world for a general to be. He has no business there; and he is only there in the picture. You do not find him there. Occasionally you see that sort of thing in war; but ordinarily in the work of a campaign the general who really leads is out of sight. I never saw the great generals of our war with a red sash on. W. T. Sherman, with whom I had the privilege of taking a little walk, was the least conspicuous man in the whole staff. If a second lieutenant had been promoted to a place on Sherman's staff, he had epaulets, to his lips; boots to his thighs, and all the buttons he could possibly by any manner of means claim; but old Billy Sherman was in a plain suit, on a plain horse, and never riding about for show. But who ever denies that Sherman led that army? Grant was perhaps the plainest man in the army, usually wearing an undress uniform, an old slouch hat, and oftentimes taken for a sutler, or for some other man who had no particular business; and yet we know that Ulysses S. Grant led an army of a million men."

3. The pastor will find his place and power when he begins to trust his young people. If they are led wisely they may be safely trusted. Place responsibilities upon them. It is remarkable what young people will do when responsibilities are put upon them. Therefore trust them.

4. The pastor will find his place and power when he links the young people to

the work of the church—the work of education, missions, evangelism, literature, etc. Link them to it.

He should study his field. If you find a place where a cottage prayer meeting can be held, tell the young people about it. Lay it on their minds and hearts, and thus link them to the church and its work of blessing and salvation to the world. Loving, leading, trusting, linking, these four; but the pastor will find his place of greatest power when he links closely his young people to the church.—*Religious Telescope*.

#### PEOPLE WHO MAKE MISTAKES.

Parents who quarrel before their children.

Those who talk about their troubles to strangers.

Those who think that gaining riches will make them happy.

Parents who permit their children to grow up in idleness.

The young woman who does not make a confidant of her mother.

The father who tells his children to go one way while he walks another.

Those who never try to be religious except when they think they are being watched.—*Catholic Universe*.

#### SERMONS FROM THE BACKWOODS.

*What Shall We Eat? Matt. 6:31.*

Life is one continuing question to most of us. We spend much of our time sitting on the business end of an interrogation. Queries are scattered all around us with the sharp end uppermost. Somehow in planting our feet along the tortuous pathway of existence we seem bound to step on these troublesome customers. Sometimes God asks questions. Then we have to stand still and think. The divine, "Adam, where art thou?" has a most uncomfortable way of penetrating the joints and marrow of a man's conscience with its searchlight propensities and compelling him to halt and own up. Better not try to get away from God's questions.

There are questions which a man should ask himself, digest them thoroughly, answer them manfully and dispense with them promptly. Other questions there are that we may dally with for a passing hour, but which should never be long harbored. Half the civilized world at least is wrestling with such interrogatories as What shall we eat? and What shall we drink? and Wherewithal shall we be clothed? The larder and the wardrobe are eating up our vitals. Like Gog and Magog, they come up to battle against the Lord's elect, and the battle is prolonged. I look into homes where life seems to be

a journey between kitchen and sewing room; I am tempted to point to the frying pan and the sewing machine and to exclaim, These be thy gods, O Israel.

Dearly beloved, I would have you well fed and well clothed. Silks and satins are not to be compared to the glory which shall some day be revealed in and upon the Lord's dear saints, and they are none too good for you. When circumstances justify you may wear them to your heart's content. The creator evidently meant somebody to eat turtle steaks, or he would not have put these delicacies at man's door. Do not affect indifference to the good things of life. Gastronomy as well as astronomy has its uses. Steaks as well as stars play their part in human history. Indifferent cooks have lost kingdoms and helped to ruin souls. Let us eat the best we may. Let us eat it with thankful hearts and all the appetite we can command. A well made loaf of bread may be a poem, while a soggy potato may spoil a prayer-meeting. Handle life's questions thoughtfully, brethren. Give them due weight. Let each have its proper proportion. While your Bible, your hymn book and your prayer book are your prime trinity of literature, do not despise the cook book. Tell me what a man eats and how he enjoys it, and I will tell you what he is good for.

What shall we eat? O thou question portentous,  
By night and by day how dost thou torment us,  
But surely 'twould never seem quite so tremendous,  
Did we long for no more than mercy doth send us.  
For clothing and food mingle trust with your toiling.  
Lest care with its canker your heart's ease be spoiling:  
The lillies do nothing of toiling or spinning.  
Yet clad are they all in their graces most winning.

—*Peter Peculiar in New York Observer*.

#### MAKING GOOD CITIZENS.

There is no part of the college career of greater moment than that which teaches with right rubrics the fundamental principles of political science and of those things which go to make good citizenship. It is quite possible that we may have more chemists and other scientific men than we want, but there is always an ever increasing demand for men who come with trained intellects to the study of the practical problems of the concrete politics of the land, where in simple manhood is all that is necessary for enfranchisement. Patriotism is not a matter of reminiscence, a matter of brass bands, of fireworks, or of Fourth of July orations. Patriotism is a